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SUBJECT: GOU CLOSES DOWN TWO RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS

REF: BRAZEAL-OLSON LETTER OCTOBER 9, 1975,

OLSON-BRAZEAL LETTER OCTOBER 17, 1975

1. SUMMARY. THE GOU ORDERED THE CLOSURE OF TWO RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS THAT IT ACCUSED OF BEING INTERNATIONAL INSTRUMENTS OF MARXISM. END SUMMARY

2. ON JANUARY 20, THE GOU ORDERED THE CLOSING OF THE OFFICES OF AND THE TOTAL CESSATION WITHIN URUGUAY OF ALL ACTIVITIES OF THE FEDERACION UNIVERSAL DE MOVIMIENTOS ESTUDANTILES CRISTIANOS (FUMEC) AND FRONTIER INTERNSHIP (FI). THE DECREE ORDERING THIS STATED THAT FI IS PART OF AN INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP AND ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FINANCED BY THE METHODIST AND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES OF THE UNITED STATES AND BY SOME EUROPEAN CHURCHES AND THAT IT MAINTAINS A "LIBERAL" POSITION CALLING FOR DIALOGUE WITH MARXISM/LENINISM. THE DECREE ALSO CLAIMED THAT FI AND FUMEC HAD DEVELOPED TOGETHER A SERIES OF PILOT PROGRAMS FOR REFUGEES WHICH HAD AS THEIR PURPOSE THE GIVING OF FINANCIAL AID TO PERSONS WHO HAD FOR POLITICAL REASONS LEFT THEIR COUNTRIES. THE DECREE CLAIMED THAT, IN SO DOING., THE ORGANIZATIONS HAD ESTABLISHED ONGOING PROGRAMS TO CONTRIBUTE AID TO MARIXIST EXILES FROM CHILE

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AND BOLIVIA. THE DECREE WENT ON TO SAY THAT FUMEC HAD ALSO ARRIVED

AT THE CONCLUSION, AFTER VARIOUS STUDIES CONDUCTED BY ITS REGIONAL COMMITTEE IN LATIN AMERICA, THAT NONE OF THE EXISTING UNIVERSITY STRUCTURES IN LATIN AMERICA WERE ACCEPTABLE AND THAT THE CUBAN EDUCATIONAL REFORMS SHOULD BE TAKEN AS POINTS OF DEPARTURE FOR UNIVERSITY REFORM IN LATIN AMERICA. THE DECREE ALSO STATED THAT FUMEC CONSIDERS THAT "THE THEOLOGY OF LIBERATION," SITUATING ITSELF IN THE MAINSTREAM OF SOCIALISM AND THE FIGHT OF THE PEOPLES OF LATIN AMERICA FOR THEIR LIBRATION, REPRESENTS A MODEL OF RENEWAL FOR THE CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA. CLAIMING THAT THESE ACTIVITIES AND ATTITUDES SERVE ON THE INTERNATIONAL LEVEL AS INSTRUMENTS IN THE PLANS OF SUBVERSION DEVELOPED BY MARXISM/LENINISM, THE GOU TOOK THE ACTIONS STATED.

3. THE USIS OFFICE HERE RECEIVED THE TEXT OF THE CABLE SENT FROM THE UPI IN NEW YORK TO ITS MONTEVIDEO CORRESPONDENT ANSWERING THE LATTER'S INQUIRIES ON FI. A SPOKESMAN FOR FI, SPEAKING IN NEW YORK, SAID THAT SHE WAS NOT SURPRISED ABOUT THE CLOSING OF ITS OFFICE IN MONTEVIDEO. SHE SAID THAT TWO MONTHS BEFORE THE DIRECTOR OF FI IN MONTEVIDEO, JUAN ARTOLA, HAD BEEN IMPRISONED BY THE URUGUAYAN AUTHORITIES. SHE STATED THAT THE MOVEMENT IS ONE OF JUSTICE AND LIBERTY AND IT IS NOT AN INSTRUMENT OF MARXISM OR LENINISM.

4. THIS EMBASSY RECEIVED INQUIRIES (REFS) ON MR. ARTOLA LAST OCTOBER BUT HAD NO INFORMATION ON HIM. VISA FILES INDICATE HE RECEIVED AT LEAST TWO U.S. VISAS IN ORDER TO TRAVEL TO THE U.S. TO ATTEND MEETINGS APPARENTLY SPONSORED BY THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES AND THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH.
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